Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No.  LOR-1946-21  4. Present Name(s)  Hopkins-Sha
2. County  Lorain  5. Historic or Other Name(s)  Hopkins-Sha

6. Specific Address or Location  265 East College

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number  0900086112023

7. City or Village  Oberlin

9. U.T.M. Reference  Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
        17  398895  4571588
        Zone  Easting  Northing

10. Classification:  Building

11. On National Register?  NO

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?  NO

15. Other Designation (NR or Local)

16. Thematic Associations:

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<th>College</th>
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17. Date(s) of Period  c. 1910-1916

18. Style Class and Design

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<th>Dominant Element</th>
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18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)

19. Architect or Engineer

19a. Design Sources

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Building Type or Plan  American foursquare

22. Original Use, if apparent  Single Dwelling

23. Present Use  Single Dwelling

24. Ownership  Private

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known

26. Property Acreage

27. Other Surveys

28. No. of Stories  Two and a half story

29. Basement?  Yes

30. Foundation Material  Stone bearing

31. Wall Construction  Balloon western platform frame

32. Roof Type  Gable

33. No. of Bays  3 Side Bays  4

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)  Clapboard or weatherboard

35. Plan Shape  Rectangular

36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:

17b. Original/Most significant construction

37. Window Type(s)  Other

38. Building Dimensions  24' x 50'

39. Endangered?  NO

40. Chimney Placement  Lateral Exterior

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road  30' approx.

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

This front-gabled house has Queen Anne elements (particularly in its porch), and the plan of an American Foursquare. At the front (north) elevation, the home has a full front porch, with Tuscan columns that sit on rough, sandstone bases. A scrolling balustrade runs between the bases. Cement steps and a metal rail lead up to the porch, which has lattice below. The door is located at the far left of the house, in a portion that projects out. The historic door is wood, with a large, oval window, and is covered in a modern screen door. At the right, a large double hung window features a beautiful upper sash, with leaded glass that implies a cathedral or Gothic feeling (vertical Mullions curve sharply at the top, creating a diamond pattern along the very top). The second story consists two 15/1 windows. The attic gable has a pair of 1/1 windows and a wood, slatted vent in the top of the gable. The flared wood clapboard above the gable accents the eave below it. The west elevation is mainly obscured by foliation. This elevation has an exterior chimney, flanked by large windows at the first story. A ribbon of three windows is situated to the far right, as part of a...continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

This house was probably built sometime between 1910 and 1916, the year it first appears in the city directory. Mr. E.R. Hopkins and his family were the first known residents, by 1916. Mr. Hopkins lived with his second wife, Ermine, and possibly one of his sons, Hoyt, a 1910 OHS grad. Soon after moving into the house, Clark Hopkins, the other son of E.R. (and an 1908 OHS grad and 1912 OC grad) died a tragic death. Clark suffered heart failure and drowned while attempting to rescue a drowning girl from a lake while on a camping trip with his brother. Though he managed to save the girl, he did not survive. He was rooming in Cincinnati at the time, but his body was moved to this house and he was buried in Woodstock. Mr. E.R. Hopkins was himself a prominent businessman in Oberlin. He was an...continued...

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

The single-car garage appears to be original to the house. The garage is covered in wood clapboard. It also has a shed-roofed lean-to at its right side (north). This house is located in a residential area, on a street that receives a fair amount of traffic.

45. Sources of Information


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49. PIR Reviewer:  50. PIR Review Date:
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3. Historic or Other Name(s) | Hopkins-Shaver House
4. Present Name(s) | 
5. Site Plan with North Arrow

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54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Corner
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Gable end axis
- Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #: 
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

The east elevation includes a door at ground level, near the center of the elevation. The original door has filled panels that are rectangular, horizontal and square. The upper half of the window has a door, shaded by a hipped hood. To the right, a rectangular window sits high in the wall at the first story, and is decorated with beveled, leaded glass. To the left of the door, a square, projecting bay has three east-facing, 1/1 windows (the center window is slightly larger than the two that flank it). The second story has a 12/1 window left of center. The attic gable has a 1/1 window and full cornice, with clapboard that flares slightly above it (the clapboard also flares slightly above the first story). An addition at the rear of the house has a 1/1 window facing east. The rear (south) elevation has a 2-story addition with an end-facing gable. A door at the far right sits at a small porch (which is covered in lattice up to the eaves of the porch roof). Cement steps and a metal rail lead up to the porch. To the left of the door, three 1/1 windows are in the second story, while a 1/1 window adorns the main body of the house, to the right of the addition. The second story has a hopper window. The attic gable includes a 1/1 window and a wood vent (the gable of the addition also has a wood vent).

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optometrist and owned his own practice. Also listed in the directories for the year of 1916 is Mrs. Jean Hutchison Hall. Mrs. Hall was widowed in 1916; her husband died from a long illness in 1915. Elroy King Powell, a salesman, his wife Sabra, and one child had moved into the house by 1920. W.H. Seaman owned the house from 1929-1933. He lived there with his wife Frances, and two children (one or both were probably born in the house). Mr. Seaman was the Director of Admissions for OC during his stay at 265 E. College. Charles M. Richards, an instructor at OC, and his wife Marie owned the house from 1937-1938. In 1939 Chester L. Shaver and his wife Alice moved into the house and were the longest occupants, through 1994. During his occupancy of the house, Chester taught English at OC, advancing from instructor to assistant professor in 1941, from assistant to associate professor in 1947, and from associate to full professor in 1950. He was well-known for this work on the poet Wordsworth. His wife Alice, who was a 1932 OHS graduate and a 1936 OC graduate, was involved in many different causes and volunteer programs throughout Lorain County. The Shavers had two children, Anne, an artist, (OC 1962), and Philip (OC 1959), who became a lawyer. After Chester died in 1983, Alice continued to live at the house until 1994.

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45. Sources (Con't)